**VACS Newsletter Templates**

**[TEMPLATE 1]**

Good news for farmers: there’s still time to apply for funding through the [Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share (VACS) Program](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/costshar2). The program offers financial incentives for over 60 voluntary conservation practices, including cover crops, rotational grazing and the installation of stream fencing. [**SWCD**] can help farmers in [**COUNTIES**] adopt best management practices and apply for cost-share funding. Contact us at [**CONTACT INFORMATION**] to get started.

**[TEMPLATE 2]**

More money than ever is on table for Virginia’s farmers. [**SWCD**] offers technical and financial assistance for over 60 conservation practices that cover the full spectrum of agricultural operations through the [Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share (VACS) Program](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/costshar2). Whether you grow crops, raise livestock or poultry, there are BMPs that benefit you.

All of the practices improve or protect water quality, and many can provide a long-term boost to your bottom line by enhancing soil health and increasing productivity. Practices include:

* Planting cover crops
* Stream fencing
* Rotational grazing
* Nutrient management

Farmers can receive up to $300,000 in cost-share dollars, and certain practices qualify for additional funds through federal programs. Don’t leave money on the table: contact [**SWCD**] at [**CONTACT INFORMATION**] to get started.

**[TEMPLATE 3]**

Local farmers interested in implementing conservation practices can contact [**SWCD**] for technical and financial assistance through the [Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share (VACS) Program](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/costshar2).

Farmers can apply for up to $300,000 in cost-share funds to reduce the cost of adopting practices aimed at improving water quality in streams, rivers and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. Over 60 practices are funded through the program, including planting cover crops, nutrient management planning, erosion control and stream exclusion fencing.

[**SWCD**] can help develop a strategy tailored to your operation’s specific needs and recommend best management practices to maximize both environmental benefits and cost-share dollars. Contact us at [**CONTACT INFORMATION**] to get started.

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*Head to* [***DCR’s Agricultural Cost-Share Marketing Toolkit***](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/cmwarehouse) *for customizable logos, flyers, photos and other assets designed to help districts market VACS. Questions or requests? Email* [*pcmo@dcr.virginia.gov*](mailto:pcmo@dcr.virginia.gov)*.*